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CARBONACEOUS MATERIAL
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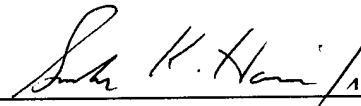
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Respectfully submitted,

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1.		4,213,752	7/22/80	Seitzer		
2.		4,493,157	1/15/85	Wicker		

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